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EXDIS GENEVA FOR DR. G. JOHNSON

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SUBJECT: CTB NEGOTIATIONS: RESUMPTION DATE

1. ACDA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DAVIES CALLED SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICER VASEV APRIL 11 TO REQUEST POSTPONEMENT OF OPENING OF NEXT ROUND OF TRILATERAL TALKS FROM APRIL 19 TO MAY 3. DAVIES ASKED HIM TO CONVEY REQUEST TO MOROKHOV FROM WARNKE. REASONS FOR REQUEST WERE THAT: (A) ESSENTIAL PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT ROUND WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL TIME AND PARTICIPATION OF U.S. CTB DELEGATION MEMBERS IN WASHINGTON DELIBERATIONS, AND (B) UPCOMING HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW WOULD INVOLVE U.S. OFFICIALS WITH MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY ON CTB, AND THIS WOULD UNAVOIDABLY DELAY COMPLETION

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OF U.S. PREPARATIONS FOR TRILATERAL CTB TALKS. DAVIES CONCLUDED BY STRESSING THAT OUR PURPOSE IN REQUESTING DELAY WAS TO INCREASE PROSPECTS FOR PRODUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT ADDITIONAL TIME WAS ESSENTIAL FOR US TO CARRY OUT PREPARATIONS WHICH WE HOPED WOULD ADVANCE THE NEGOTIATIONS WHEN THEY RESUMED.

2. DRAWING ON PARA ONE ABOVE, EMBASSY SHOULD FOLLOW UP ON REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT UNTIL MAY 3 WITH BOTH MOROKHOV AND TIMERBAEV. IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED RESUMPTION DATE (AND POSSIBILITY THAT SOVIET DELEGATION, BECAUSE OF AIRLINE SCHEDULES, MAY PLAN

TO LEAVE MOSCOW ON APRIL 15), APPROACHES SHOULD BE MADE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE ON APRIL 12. YOU MAY INFORM THE SOVIETS THAT WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH THE BRITISH ON THE PROPOSED POSTPONEMENT.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE SOVIET RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. VANCE

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